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# Marilyn Gambrell

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**Marilyn Gambrell** is a [parole-officer](#)-turned-[teacher](#) who started the program *[No More Victims](#)* at the [M.B. Smiley High School](#) in [Houston, Texas](#). The program was developed to assist children with incarcerated parents, hoping to prevent them from following in their parents' footsteps.<sup>[1]</sup> Since the program's start in 1993, hundreds of children have graduated under her tenure.

Gambrell is also the author of a series of books entitled *Cherish the Child Within*, a curriculum used by educators, professionals, and social workers, and has recently completed a series of coloring books entitled *My Feelings Are Real*. She was played by [Jami Gertz](#) in the [Lifetime](#) movie *[Fighting the Odds: The Marilyn Gambrell Story](#)*.<sup>[2]</sup>

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